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Design Firm Presents Plan for Revitalizing Historic Campbellton Village

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – November 10, 2020) – Revitalization of the Campbellton village will celebrate the area's history and preserve its rural character, while creating economic development opportunities and improved transportation and mobility options, according to a plan being considered by City of South Fulton officials.

Funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission and managed by the cities of South Fulton and Chattahoochee Hills, the proposed plan includes guidelines for protecting the area's rich history, while encouraging and carefully managing development.

"It's a long-term plan to revitalize the community. The goal is to balance the open space, the rural landscape, with the clustered feel of a hamlet," said Andrew Kohr of community development consulting firm Pond and Company, which developed the plan. "We feel this is a model project that you can implement at other crossroads in thinking about how you deal with these historic communities."

The project – which would evolve in phases over 10, 20 and 30 years – would create three districts, including a community center, a traditional district and a rural living district.

Plans for the city center, similar to a small downtown area, call for a village-style development with class-A office space, markets, boutiques, restaurants and more. Pedestrian opportunities would allow residents to walk to the office and shopping areas. Nearby, the traditional district would provide a transition with a live-work direction combining entrepreneurial workspaces with single-family homes built six to eight to an acre.

The rural living district, meant to protect the village's open landscape, would include homesites from two acres to 10-acre small farms. Rural roads and multi-use pedestrian paths would connect these lots to the downtown areas.

Traffic controls in the village would be upgraded to include new traffic signals and roundabouts to manage the flow of vehicles. In terms of amenities, the plan calls for a multi-use trail similar to the Atlanta Beltline and a cultural center where a joint committee with representatives from Chattahoochee Hills and the City of South Fulton could stage performances.

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A park along the Chattahoochee River would include a boat ramp, an outfitter for kayaking, a pedestrian ferry or bridge and a separate walking trail.

The town of Campbellton was incorporated in 1829 and served as the county seat of Campbell County until 1871. Once home to 1,200 people, the town boasted a courthouse, doctor's office and pharmacy, lodge hall, academy, hotel, retail shops and post office. Its streets were designed in a grid pattern and an impressive two-story brick courthouse, built in 1835, was the center of the town. Today, a monument marks the courthouse site.

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